Navigating Pediatric Concussion Management as an Interdisciplinary Team

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Video
Initial Evaluation

- 15 1/2 year old right-handed girl
- 3 weeks prior to 1st evaluation at the Concussion Center
- Playing sweeper position in a high school soccer game. Just before half-time she attempted to “head” the ball kicked from long distance; instead the ball hit the side of her face at high velocity; head propelled backwards and to the side.
- No immediate neck pain, LOC, seizure, amnesia or concussion symptoms. No sideline concussion evaluation. Continued to play game to the end; left on bus with teammates; home; ate dinner; went to sleep
- Over the next 48-72 hours: headache, dizziness, confusion, difficulty concentrating, poor memory, photophobia, phonophobia, insomnia
- Continued sports training/exercise and full time academics
Initial Evaluation (cont.)

- Daily fronto-temporal “squeezing” 5-7/10 headache with +/- photophobia. No nausea, vomiting, visual scotoma, diplopia, numbness, tingling, weakness, ataxia, tinnitus or vertigo
- Diagnosis of concussion made by PCP 1 week after injury
- Restricted to ½-day school, no physical activity and no sports by PCP
- All concussion symptoms worsened with reading, lights, hand-held devices, computer screen, TV and exercise; improved with rest.
- Symptoms were affecting her academics significantly
- HA did not awaken her from sleep
Medication: ibuprofen 200 mg TID for 3 weeks
Allergy: none
ROS: no tinnitus, hearing loss, anosmia, loss of taste, ADHD, conduct disorder, depression, anxiety, panic attacks or hallucinations
Academics: 10th grade, honors
No prior concussions or head injury.
Denied tobacco, ETOH, marijuana, drugs; occasional caffeine beverages
FH: chronic headache in mother
On day of evaluation 14/26 concussion symptoms; symptom score 39/156 (neurologic, cognitive, vision, sleep, emotional/behavioral)
Symptoms had improved slightly over the last 3 weeks
Initial Evaluation (cont.)

- **Physical Examination**: Normal; full ROM of neck without pain; no occipital/trapezius muscle spasm or trigger point.
- **MS**: normal immediate and remote memory 5 words; normal concentration 2-5 digits backwards; months of year reverse order; can subtract serial 7’s from 100 to 65. Can read standard paragraph with no errors.
- **CN**: normal, including smell, hearing to finger rub and near-card vision; near point convergence: 10 cm; VMS/VOR: normal.
- **Motor**: normal strength; DTRs 2+; Babinski absent.
- **Gait**: normal tandem; Romberg negative.
- **BESS**: 12/30; errors on single stance, tandem stance with eyes closed, hard surface.
- **Sensory**: normal; including position-sense and graphesthesia.
Assessment

- Acute cerebral concussion without LOC
- Early Post-concussion Syndrome (PCS)
- Daily Tension-type Post-Traumatic Headache (PTH)
- Memory and Concentration Deficits
- Poor Balance
- Photo- and Phonophobia
- Anxiety
- ? Analgesic Overuse (medication overuse syndrome-MOS)
Initial Plan

- “Red Flag Warning” list given: go to ED!!
- “Second Impact” caution given: go to ED!
- Notify PCP, Concussion Center ASAP if new or worsening concussion symptoms
- Home activity: rest for 1 week: no exercise/sports; limit reading, hand-held devices, computer
- Academic accommodations: no school for 1 week
- Physical restrictions: no physical exercise for 1 week; no sports until medical clearance
- Avoid “risky behaviors” (heights, bike riding, etc.)
- Reduce analgesic to no more than 3 times/week
- Magnesium gluconate 500mg, Riboflavin 400 mg, CoQ10 100 mg
Video
Follow Up 1 Week Later (1 month after concussion):

- Significant improvement in all symptoms; **8/26 concussion symptoms; symptom score: 8/156; headaches 4-6/10 severity; NOT daily, mainly in school**
- BESS:10/30
- PLAN
  - **Academics:** ½ day, increase as tolerated; no exams or quizzes; extra time; frequent breaks; quiet place; early dismissal if needed; avoid band, music; resource room, tutor; limit screen time
  - **Physical activity:** no PE or sports; light aerobic exercise-walk, stationary bike 15 min
FOLLOW Up 4 Weeks Later (2 months after concussion):

- No improvement in symptoms; 15/26 concussion symptoms; symptom score: 22/156; headaches 4-6/10 severity; occur only in school (noise, light, reading); school had been advanced to full day taking frequent breaks
- BESS: 10/30
- MODSOM score: 5

**PLAN**

- Academics: full day; no exams or quizzes, gradual increase to 1 per day at most; extra time; frequent breaks; quiet place; early dismissal if needed; no band, music; resource room, tutor; limit screen time; sunglasses
- Physical activity: no PE or sports; advance to moderate aerobic exercise-jogging, swimming, yoga
Plan (cont.)

- **Occupational Therapy (OT)** for oculomotor evaluation and therapy; King-Devick; CISS
- **Speech and Language (SLP)** for cognitive evaluation and therapy;
- **Physical Therapy (PT)** for balance/coordination assessment and treatment
- **-ImPACT score** 2 months after concussion: visuomotor 16% (low average), reaction time 30% (average), verbal memory composite 40% (average); visual memory composite 60% (high average)
- **-Brain MRI** with NeuroQuant analysis 7 months after concussion: normal
- **-NOTE**: 5 months after her concussion she was hit in the head by a soccer ball which ricocheted off the wall after being kicked by a teammate during indoor practice. Headaches increased for 2 days; no other concussion symptoms. One week break from therapies.
Video
Occupational Therapy’s Role

- Occupational Therapists address occupational performance and visual dysfunction associated with mTBI/concussion
- Visual symptoms can impact a student’s ability to perform certain school-related activities:
  - Reading speed and accuracy
  - Ability to successfully copy from the board
  - Tolerance of screens (Smart Board, PowerPoint, Projectors, iPad, computers, TV)
  - Writing in a straight line
  - Ability to complete class work/homework/tests without an increase in symptoms
Treatment Approach

Task Modification

Return to Function

Optometry/Ophthalmology

Rehabilitation

Symptom Management
## OT Evaluation

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Vision Screen

- **History**: no significant eye health issues; optometry evaluation 3 months ago
- **Glasses**: yes for nearsightedness; has contacts, but hasn’t been wearing
- **Symptoms**
  - Headache: yes
  - Eye Strain or Discomfort: yes (associated with light)
  - Double/blurry vision: no
  - Moves head back and forth to improve focus: yes
  - Closes one eye to improve focus: no
  - Frequently loses place when reading: yes
  - Difficulty concentrating/attending to visual stimuli: yes
  - Avoidance of near distance work: yes
- **Ocular Motility**
  - Ocular range of motion: intact
  - Fixation: able to maintain fixation for 10 seconds, but frequent blinking noted
  - Saccades: Vertical – accurate with adequate speed  
    Horizontal- accurate with adequate speed (reports discomfort)
  - Smooth pursuits: H pattern tested – intact with adequate eye-head dissociation, but reports discomfort and frequent blinking noted
- **Binocular Vision**
  - Alignment: Alternate Cover - (-) for phorias  
    Cover/Uncover- (-) for tropias
  - Convergence: Near point of convergence (NPC) at 4”
- **Fields**: intact
- **Focusing Flexibility**: reports difficulty with note taking
Functional Impairments

- Decreased reading tolerance (30 minutes)
- Decreased screen tolerance (30 minutes)
- Decreased tolerance to note taking (30 minutes)
- Decreased tolerance to complex visual stimuli (increased headache when looking at busy forms/school material)
- Decreased tolerance to visually demanding environments (i.e. cafeteria and mall)
- Decreased tolerance to fluorescent lights
Goals

- Increased reading tolerance to 60 minutes with < 2 point symptom increase
- Increased screen tolerance to 60 minutes with < 2 point symptom increase
- Reduce CISS score to 21 less
- Complete Dynavision reaction to < .85 S
- Increase tolerance to visually demanding/community level environments
Treatment Plan

- **Symptom Management**
  - To use graded approach to increasing tolerance to visually demanding tasks while remaining in the subthreshold of symptom increase
  - To implement preventative and restorative breaks into daily routine

- **Task Modification**
  - To address sensitivities to light/screens/visual complex material and high contrast material
  - To reduce visual stress within daily routine and school related tasks and community environments

- **Rehabilitation**
  - Visual activities to increase ocular motor control, visual processing speed and reaction speed, visual-vestibular integration tasks, tolerance to near <> transitions
Interventions-Modifications

- **Reading**
  - Large font
  - Use of line guide
  - Printing material of blue paper or use of blue filter
- **Computer**
  - Use of blue filter
  - Changing font color
  - Large font
  - Alternate reading on paper and screens
- **Phone**
  - Reduce white point
  - Color lens
  - Large font
- **Visually Complex Material/Environment**
  - Blocking strategies
  - Graph paper for math assignments
  - Blue tinted lenses
Interventions-Therapeutic Activities

- Simulated note taking tasks
- Visual activities to work on saccades/visual processing and visual endurance
- Dynavision to work on ocular motor control, peripheral awareness and visual processing
- Visual-vestibular integrations tasks
- Scanning sheets
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- **Plan:**
  Transition to Physical Therapy to address vestibular issues
Video
Speech Language Pathologist’s Role

- Memory
- Attention
- Communication
- Executive Functioning

Cognition
Early SLP Involvement for Middle and High School Age Children

- Identify cognitive-communication needs

- Provide direct education on symptom management, self-awareness and self-monitoring progress

- Assist with accommodations, creating and implementing 504 plans, and developing return-to-learn timeframes

- Facilitate inclusion and self-advocacy to participate in discussions about rehabilitation decisions

- Early cognitive support can help prevent barriers interfering with skilled intervention and reduce obstacles with home programming and adherence

(Brown et al., 2019)
CDC Return to Learn Recommendations

- Education provided by medical and school based teams to student and family counseling regarding:
  - gradual increase of duration and intensity of academic activities
  - goal of increasing participation without symptom exacerbation

- Careful planning regarding symptoms that affect learning and performance (headaches, fatigue, etc.)

- Collaborative monitoring of symptoms and academics by student, family, health care professionals, and school teams

- Gradual adjustments of educational supports to maintain an academic workload without worsening symptom

- Individualized protocols based on severity of PCS symptoms

(JAMA Pediatrics, 2018)
Academic Stressors on Recovery

- Lower than usual grades
- Falling behind academically despite working harder
- Negative feelings because of cognitive difficulties (i.e., “feeling stupid”)
- Struggling to “look normal”
- Needing help but not wanting to stand out or be perceived as getting special treatment
- Attitudes of teachers and peers thinking the student is not injured
- Social isolation due to decreased participation in academic and social activities

(Baker J, et al., 2014)
Cognitive Overexertion on Recovery

- Prolong recovery
- Hinder academic attendance
- Academic decline
- Extended recovery time may necessitate more intensive accommodations, modifications, or specific school-based interventions
- Negatively impact acceptance to advanced classes, honor societies, scholarships, college, etc.
- Extend time to graduation
- Post-high school outcomes

(Dachtyl & Morales, 2017)
Cognitive-Communication Assessment

Standardized Assessments:
- Woodcock Johnson IV (WJIV)
- Test of Memory and Learning - Second Edition (TOMAL-2)
- Functional Assessment of Verbal Reasoning and Executive Strategies-Student Version (FAVRES-S)
- Behavioural Assessment of the Dysexecutive Syndrome (BADS)

Non-Standardized Diagnostic Measures:
- Deductive Reasoning Skills
- Sequencing Tasks
- Reading Tasks
- External Memory Aids
- Approaches to formal Diagnostic Assessments
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# Initial Assessment

Functional Assessment of Verbal Reasoning and Executive Strategies  
Student Version

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Task 1- Planning an Event
- **Accuracy**: 5  
  Standard Score: 105  
  Performance: Average
- **Rationale**: 5  
  Standard Score: 105  
  Performance: Average
- **Time**: 7:37  
  Standard Score: 87  
  Performance: Low Average
- **Reasoning Subskills**: 30  
  Standard Score: 124  
  Performance: High Average

Task 2- Scheduling
- **Accuracy**: 5  
  Standard Score: 108  
  Performance: Average
- **Rationale**: 4  
  Standard Score: 93  
  Performance: Low Average
- **Time**: 15:27  
  Standard Score: 103  
  Performance: Average
- **Reasoning Subskills**: 22  
  Standard Score: 82  
  Performance: Low Average

Task 3- Making a Decision
- **Accuracy**: 5  
  Standard Score: 104  
  Performance: Average
- **Rationale**: 5  
  Standard Score: 107  
  Performance: Average
- **Time**: 8:46  
  Standard Score: 97  
  Performance: Low Average
- **Reasoning Subskills**: 22  
  Standard Score: 90  
  Performance: Low Average

Task 4- Building a Case
- **Accuracy**: 5  
  Standard Score: 105  
  Performance: Average
- **Rationale**: 3  
  Standard Score: 107  
  Performance: Average
- **Time**: 15:15  
  Standard Score: 95  
  Performance: Low Average
- **Reasoning Subskills**: 32  
  Standard Score: 118  
  Performance: High Average
Transitioning to the Academic Setting

- Encourage students to get back into school when they demonstrate readiness
- Listening/observation days
- Reinforce the importance of taking breaks in a designated, quiet location
- Prioritize essential work
- Decrease volume of workload
- Spend more time and energy on core, cumulative classes
- Recommend tutoring as needed for more challenging classes
Return to Learn: Where to Start?

- Review current academic schedule and course load

- Identify the following:
  - Academic stressors
  - Pending make-up work
  - Current accommodations through MD recommendations, 504 plan, IEP
  - Contact person in the academic setting

- Establish academic accommodations to support learning based on symptom profile, assessment results, and clinical judgement
Academic Profile

- Enrolled in 10th grade
- Attending school full time with breaks during the day
- Block scheduled classes:
  - Psychology
  - AP Human Geography
  - Honors coursework
  - Study
- Missed academic work:
  - 16 tasks (quizzes, tests, mid-terms, labs, etc.)
- Reported functional difficulties:
  - Reduced concentration in school
  - Forgetting information listened to during conversation
  - Repeating herself in conversation
  - Difficulty taking notes while listening to her teachers
  - Reduced endurance for back-to-back tasks
Treatment Plan and Goals

- PCS neurorehabilitation education and self-advocacy strategy training

- Perform sequential cognitive tasks with minimal symptom exacerbation by working at a sub-threshold level (2 point change on the Wong-Baker FACES pain scale)

- Divide attention for complex tasks in a complex environment

- Demonstrate organized recall for paragraph level stimuli and multi-step directions

- Plan, organize, and execute multi-part tasks

- Create a concrete action plan and schedule for managing make-up work and new learning
## Discharge Testing

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Functional Progress and Discharge

- Trace headache limited to the school setting when concentrating
- Independence of trained strategies reported by patient and caregiver
- Reduction of accommodations
- Continued use of trained strategies as needed
  - Notetaking for complex coursework
  - Planner to manage schedule, tests, etc.
- Discharge after 14 skilled SLP intervention sessions
Video
Physical Therapy’s Role

- Cervicogenic
- Vestibular
- Graded Exercise Protocol
- Return to Play
PT Evaluation/ Examination

- **Cervicogenic**
  - ROM
  - Strength
    - Deep Neck Flexor Endurance Test
    - Postural and UE strength
  - Mobility
  - Ligament integrity
    - Alar Ligament
    - Transverse Ligament
  - Joint Position Error

- **Vestibular**
  - Balance
    - Static
      - BESS Test
    - Dynamic
      - FGA, DGI etc.
  - Head/Eye Coordination
    - VOMS Test
  - BPPV
    - Dix Hallpike
    - Roll Test

- **Exercise Tolerance**
  - Buffalo Treadmill Test
PT Evaluation/ Examination

Cervical Assessment

- ROM: WNL
- Strength:
  - DNF Endurance Test: 17 Seconds
  - Postural Strength: >/= 4/5
- Mobility: WNL
- Ligament integrity
  - Alar Ligament: (-)
  - Transverse Ligament: (-)
- Proprioception
  - JPE Test: WNL
## VOMS Test

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PT Evaluation/ Examination

Impairments
- Headaches
- Dizziness
- Activity/ exercise intolerance

Functional Limitations
- Walking on treadmill
- Riding in the car
- Reading
- Unable to run/jump or participate in age appropriate recreational activities
PT Evaluation/ Examination

Short Term Goals (to be achieved in 6-8 visits)

- Patient will be increase DNF Endurance test to $\geq 20$ sec
- Decrease dizziness to $\leq 1/10$ during VOMs test for VOR and motion sensitivity testing and
- Patient will be able to walk on treadmill at $\geq 5\%$ incline at 3.2 mph without any increased Sx’s

Long Term Goals (to be achieved in 14-16 visits)

- Patient will complete Buffalo Treadmill test and graded exercise program without any increase in sx’s to permit return to soccer
- Patient will be able to complete the VOMs Test as prescribed with no sx’s to permit sx free ADL’s
- Patient will be independent with HEP for self management of symptoms and to further progress gains made in therapy

Plan:
Perform gaze stabilization training, motion sensitivity habituation and a graded exercise program.
Treatment

Vestibulo/ocular and Balance

- Gaze stability exercises
- Motion Sensitivity exercises
- Position changes
- Compliant → non compliant surfaces for added challenge with vestibule/ocular exercises and strength training
Treatment

Conditioning Exercise:
Programming Graded Exercise

1. Set Sx-Limited HR Threshold (Treadmill Testing)
2. Aerobic Exercise: 20mins/day @ 80% target HR
3. If tolerating: Inc Target HR 5-10 BPM per week
4. If Patient Regresses: Repeat Initial Treadmill Testing
5. Start RTP protocol when 85-90% of APMHR is reached
### Buffalo Treadmill Test: post set back

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Treatment

Strength Training (Example Circuits)

- Circuit A
  - A1 – TRX Squat
  - A2 – TRX Inclined Row
  - A3 – Quadruped Chin Tucks
  - A4 – Seated OH Press

- Circuit B
  - B1 – Band Assisted Hinge
  - B2 – Lat Pull down
  - B3 – ½ kneeling Anti-Rotation Iso
  - B4 – Wall Pushup
Treatment

Agility/ Plyometric
- Once patient is successful with Aerobic & Strength
- Advanced Exercise Prescription
- Dynamic nature of explosive movements and deceleration control
- Used as a pre screen for RPT testing

Sport Specific Drills
- Consider conditioning needs of the sport
- Consider dynamics of directional change, up and down from the ground
- Re-create the environment
Re-exam

- **VOMS Test:** Continued increase in dizziness to 2/10 with motion sensitivity.

- **Buffalo Treadmill Test:** unable to accurately assess 2/2 c/o shin splints

- **Progress Toward Goals:**
  - Patient will be increase DNF Endurance test to >/= 20 sec. (MET)
  - Decrease dizziness to </= 1/10 during VOMs test for VOR and motion sensitivity testing. (Partially Met)
  - Patient will be able to walk on treadmill at >/= 5% incline at 3.2 mph without any increased Sx’s. (MET)

- **Plan:**
  - Continue to progress motion sensitivity habituation exercises and continues to progress graded exercise program
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# Discharge

**Dr. Cantu Treadmill Test: Performed at 3.6 mph**

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## Dr. Cantu Return to Activity Protocol

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Discharge

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  - Patient will complete Buffalo Treadmill test and graded exercise program without any increase in sx’s to permit return to soccer. (MET)
  - Patient will be able to complete the VOMs Test as prescribed with no sx’s to permit sx free ADL’s. (MET)
  - Patient will be independent with HEP for self management of symptoms and to further progress gains made in therapy. (MET)
- Plan: Follow up with Dr. Gilmore to further discuss ultimate plan for return to soccer.
Video
Follow Up (11 months after concussion):

- Full academics doing well without accommodations beginning 9 months after concussion
- No concussion symptoms beginning 10 months after concussion
- Passed the Return to Activity (RTA) protocol
- Discharged from OT and SLP
- ImPACT repeated 8 months after concussion “average”, except for verbal memory composite “borderline” 8%
- Neurologic examination: normal
- BESS: 0/30
PLAN:

- 6-day Graduated Return to Play Program
- Sports Clearance Letter
- Discharged 11 months after concussion
Video
Questions
References


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